

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method of recording on a random access recording medium allowing random access thereto picture data, attribute data corresponding to said picture data and indicating attributes of said picture data, respectively, and thumbnail image data representing features of said picture data, respectively, and transferring ~~both~~ at least one of said attribute data and said thumbnail image data ~~or alternatively either one of them~~ from said ~~random access~~ recording medium for displaying ~~both~~ at least one of said attribute data and thumbnail image data ~~or alternatively either one of them~~ on a display unit of an image transcription apparatus, comprising the steps of:

transferring said attribute data and said thumbnail image data recorded on said ~~random access~~ recording medium to a memory when neither recording nor reproduction of said picture data is performed;

displaying ~~both~~ at least one of said attribute ~~information~~ data and said thumbnail image data stored in said memory ~~or alternatively either one of them~~ on said display unit;

transferring and copying the thumbnail image data for storage thereof to a thumbnail-image-dedicated area of said memory upon transition to recording or reproduction of new picture data in a state in which at least one ~~both~~ of said attribute data and said thumbnail image data ~~or alternatively either one of them~~ is being displayed on said display unit;

displaying said thumbnail image data stored in said thumbnail-dedicated area when said thumbnail image data is to be subsequently displayed on said display unit; and

transferring said attribute data and said thumbnail image data from said ~~random access-recording~~ medium to said memory ~~for storage therein~~ when said thumbnail image data is not stored in said thumbnail-dedicated area.

7. (currently amended) A transfer method according to claim 6,

further comprising the steps of:

displaying the attribute data stored in said memory upon displaying of said attribute data on said display unit; and

transferring said attribute data and said thumbnail image data from said ~~random access-recording~~ medium to said memory ~~for storage therein~~ when said thumbnail image data is not stored in said thumbnail-dedicated area, for displaying said attribute data stored in said memory on said display unit.

8. (original) A transfer method according to claim 6,
wherein said thumbnail image data are displayed on said display unit in the
form of a list of thumbnail images which correspond to a plurality of said picture data,
respectively.

121 9. (new) A method of reproducing information, comprising the steps of:
storing a thumbnail file including at least thumbnail data that represents image
data from a recording medium to a memory; and
displaying thumbnail images of said thumbnail data stored in said memory on
a display.

10. (new) A method according to claim 9, wherein
said thumbnail file includes attributing data corresponding to said thumbnail
data.

11. (new) A method according to claim 10, wherein
said thumbnail file includes said thumbnail data successively and said
attributing data corresponding to said thumbnail data successively.

12. (new) A method according to claim 11, wherein
an area of said attributing data in said thumbnail file is fixed regardless of a
quantity of said attributing data.

13. (new) A method of reproducing information, comprising the steps of:
storing thumbnail data displayed on a display in a thumbnail-image-dedicated
area of a memory when a state of displaying thumbnail images is changed into a
state of recording or reproducing a picture, and
displaying said thumbnail images of said thumbnail data from said thumbnail-
image-dedicated area on said display when the state of recording or reproducing the
picture is changed into the state of displaying said thumbnail images.

14. (new) A method according to claim 9, wherein
said recording medium has a predetermined area for said thumbnail file.
